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1. Between 19 March and 10 April 1952 more than 1,000 wounded soldiers from the 2 Field Army arrived in Hankow from the Northeast. They were sent on from Hankow by train to Kweichow via Liuchow on the Hunan-Kwangsi railway.
2. Between 19 March and 10 April about 2,100 new recruits arrived in Hankow and were sent northward by rail. They were escorted by personnel from the New Recruits Training Bureau of the North Szechwan Military District.
3. On 24 March seven Soviet technical experts who had been inspecting arsenals in Central and South China returned to Hankow. On 27 March they left for Peiping by train.
4. On 5 April the Wuhan Blanket and Clothing Factory of the Central and South China Military Area Supply and Service Command delivered 32,000 unlined uniforms to a train for shipment to the Chinese Communist Volunteer Army in Manchuria.
5. Owners of major industrial and commercial enterprises in the Wuhan area have been uneasy since the arrest of HO Heng-tien (6320/5899/1131),¹ chairman of the Wuhan Federation of Commerce and Industry, and also member of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee and of the Wuhan Municipal government.
6. The Chinese Communists have used all the shop assistants in the Wuhan market in the five-anti's campaign for the purpose of undertaking a liquidation struggle against the shop owners. All large firms have temporarily suspended business activities and shop owners remain in their shops awaiting their disposal by their employees.

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7. In March 1952, the East² South Military District Uniform Factory (2639/0589/6511/0575/5926/2591/1681), equipped with 1,350 sewing machines and employing more than 2,000 workers, was moved from Canton to Yuehyang (113-02, 29-22).

25X1A 1. [] Comment. Numerous propaganda accounts of HO's trial have appeared in the Communist press. Presumably, other private owners are uneasy because of HO's arrest in connection with the three-anti's campaign.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. Probably Central (Chung) was meant instead of East (Tung), and this therefore refers to the Central and South China Military Area. This may be a combination of the two clothing factories previously reported [] as having been moved to Yuehyang.

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